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CONSIDERATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE
PROTECTION, SECURITY AND SAFETY OF DIPLOMATIC AND
CONSULAR MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES

Letter dated 17 April 1984 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i.
of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to
the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from the People's Committee of the People's Foreign Liaison Office, I have the honour to inform you of the following:

On the morning of 17 April 1984, the British authorities surrounded the Libyan People's Office in London, the diplomatic mission which represents the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya in the United Kingdom. In addition, Middle Eastern elements hostile to Libya attacked the Office while it was under the protection of the British police. The British police subsequently detained several Libyan diplomats and the London correspondent of the Jamahiriya's news agency.

Furthermore, the United Kingdom Foreign Office summoned the Libyan Chargé d'Affaires in London and one of his assistants to appear, and at this moment their whereabouts is not known.

In an escalation of this provocation by the British authorities, United Kingdom police officers burst into the Libyan Arab College in London and took as hostages students studying there. They also broke into the residences of Libyan students in London, ill-treating and ejecting them in an inhuman manner. They also detained several Libyan travellers at Heathrow airport.

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In calling to your attention these acts which are contrary to international agreements and practice, the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya asks you to use your good offices to persuade the United Kingdom Government to end the siege of the Libyan People's Office in London, to allow the employees of that Office to circulate freely, and to release the Chargé d'Affaires and the diplomats detained by the British authorities and the Libyan nationals held at Heathrow airport.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 129 of the provisional agenda of the thirty-ninth session.

(Signed) Awad Salih BURWIN
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